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Title : Method of Synchronous Serial Communication and System  
: for Synchronous Serial Communication

**AMENDMENT**

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The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 15 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 25 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

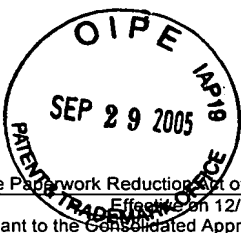
**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 26 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 27 of this paper.

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## For FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 1,450

### Complete if Known

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#### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES  |          | SEARCH FEES  |          | EXAMINATION FEES |          | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------|----------|----------------|
|                  | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity | Fee (\$) | Small Entity     | Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300          | 150      | 500          | 250      | 200              | 100      |                |
| Design           | 200          | 100      | 100          | 50       | 130              | 65       |                |
| Plant            | 200          | 100      | 300          | 150      | 160              | 80       |                |
| Reissue          | 300          | 150      | 500          | 250      | 600              | 300      |                |
| Provisional      | 200          | 100      | 0            | 0        | 0                | 0        |                |

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

##### Fee Description

| Fee Description   | Small Entity |
|---|--------------|
| Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent            | 50           |
| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200          |
| Multiple dependent claims   | 360          |

| Total Claims   | Extra claims | Fees(\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Multiple Dependence Claims | Fee(\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
|--|--------------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 25   | -20 or HP    | 5        | x 50 = 250    |                            |         |               |
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| Indep. Claims  | Extra claims | Fees(\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |                            |         |               |
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#### 4. OTHER FEES

|   | Fee Paid (\$) |
|---|---------------|
| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) |               |
| Other: Three Month Petition for Extension of Time               | 1,020         |
| Information Disclosure Statement fee                            | 180           |

### SUBMITTED BY

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